

Vehicle & Motor Carrier Services' Third Quarter 2017 Newsletter

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October 2017



**International Fuel
Tax Agreement (IFTA)**
**IFTA Third quarter
2017 tax return deadline
Tuesday, Oct. 31, 2017**

Online processing is required for all IFTA quarterly tax returns.

Supported Internet browsers are Microsoft® Internet Explorer® (IE) Google Chrome™, or Mozilla® Firefox® – newer IE versions may need to run in the compatibility mode. You must allow **pop-up windows for the online IFTA/IRP applications to work.**

Use the same Account ID (client ID) and password used to file your IRP renewal and supplements online. **Don't wait until the last minute to request a password – all you have to do is** email omcs@iowadot.us and provide your Client ID number, and your telephone number, and a temporary password will be sent to the email address on file.

To file online: 1) Go to www.iowadot.gov/iftairp; and 2) The next window to appear is the “hub” of the online application where you will sign in to the application and find the “IFTA online reference guide.” It is recommended you go through the reference guide and FAQs for any questions you may have. Detailed steps on completing the IFTA tax return are in this guide. Follow each step until you have entered all of your information, once complete, proceed until you come to the **payment collection screen**, once you have reached this screen, your tax return has been successfully filed. If you are sending payment in by mail, you will select “Quit” at the bottom of the screen. If you are paying online with Dwolla, you will select “pay with Dwolla” located on the lower right hand side. If you are paying with escrow, you will select “payment type – Escrow”, enter the amount being paid and click proceed on each screen until a PDF of your tax return showing payment made pops up. If you have a zero report, click on proceed on each screen until a PDF of your tax return showing payment made pops up.

To avoid penalty and interest, payments must be made in full and in a timely manner. Acceptable methods of payment:

- Dwolla (online payment option).
- Escrow account (online payment option).
- Check, money order, or cashier check.
- *Credit card (\$2.50 or 3.75 percent fee added, whichever is greater).
- *T-check, Comcheck, or electronic funds source (EFS) check number.

*Call 515-237-3268 to use these options.

Changes to the Indiana IFTA Surcharge Tax: Effective July 1, 2017, the surcharge tax is now included in the price at Indiana pumps, but only for “Special Fuels” (which includes diesel, biodiesel, CNG, and LNG). As a result, motor carriers will be allowed a tax-paid credit on their quarterly fuel tax returns for surcharge tax paid at Indiana pumps for diesel, biodiesel, CNG, and LNG.

IFTA DECAL DISPLAY DATE CHANGE: Carriers will now be allowed to display their IFTA decals as of Nov. 1, two months prior to the effective date of Jan. 1.

IFTA RENEWALS: Your IFTA renewal must be submitted on or before Dec. 31, 2017. You may display your 2018 decal beginning Nov. 1, 2017, and you must carry both the 2017 and 2018 IFTA license in your truck until Jan. 1, 2018.

Watch your mailbox for your 2018 IFTA renewal!

Please note that Iowa has the right to cancel or deny your renewal if you do not leave Iowa and report Iowa distance only, for three or more consecutive quarters.

International Registration Plan (IRP)

Electronic Logging Device (ELD)

The effective date is fast approaching for FMCSA Electronic Logging Device (ELD) rule.

The ELD rule is intended to help create a safer work environment for drivers, and make it easier, faster to accurately track, manage, and share records of duty status (RODS) data.

For carriers using AOBRDs (automatic onboard recording devices) before the rule compliance date of Dec., 18, 2017, the rule will replace AOBRDs with ELDs over a four-year implementation period.

An ELD synchronizes with a vehicle engine to automatically record driving time, for easier, more accurate hours of service recording.

The rule applies to most carriers and drivers who are required to maintain RODs.

Carriers and drivers who are using paper logs or logging software must transition to ELDs no later than Dec., 18, 2017.

Carriers and drivers who use AOBRDs prior to the compliance date must transition to ELDs no later than Dec., 16, 2019.

Although ELD devices can be great, not all are created equal, as with anything, you must ensure the ELD you choose will meet **all** of your record keeping requirements.

For more information, please visit

www.fmcsa.dot.gov/elds and www.irponline.org.

Motor Carrier Responsible for Safety (MCRS): All IRP commercial motor vehicles (CMVs) registered within a Performance and Registration Information Systems Management (PRISM) State must have a MCRS assigned to it.

- If you indicated the MCRS is not going to change during the registration period, the MCRS information will be printed on the cab card.
- If the MCRS changes during the registration period, the changes must be made with our office within ten days, on the vehicle(s) affected, and a current lease agreement provided.
- **Updates are critical to keep information current to allow carriers to operate without interruption.**

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- If you indicated the MCRS is going to change during the registration period, the MCRS information will not be placed on the cab card. This means the driver must have in his or her possession appropriate documentation (a current cab card, lease agreement and shipping document) to present if stopped at roadside.
- If the MCRS changes are due to a federal out of service order, you must make the change with our office immediately, and provide a current lease agreement between you and the company with whom you are leasing, **and receive your updated credentials before operating.**

IRP Reporting periods and credential information

1. The distance reporting period for registrants whose IRP renewal is Sept. 2017 or after, is **July 1, 2016 through June 30, 2017.**
2. The 2290 reporting period is **July 1, 2017 through June 30, 2018.**
3. 2018 credentials must be displayed on/before your current credentials expire. If the 2018 credentials are displayed prior to your current credentials expiring, both the 2017 **and** 2018 cab cards must be carried in the vehicle.
4. If you are deleting a unit from your fleet at renewal time, and you have permanent plates, those plates **must** be returned or postmarked on or before the last day of your renewal expiration month. Failure to return the permanent plates could result in losing your ability to obtain permanent plates in the future, and registration renewal fees for these units shall be assessed.
5. If you have annual plates, they do not need to be returned during renewal time unless you are storing your unit.
6. If you are deleting a unit anytime during the year other than your renewal month, you **must** return the annual **and/or** permanent plates, fill out a vehicle schedule deleting those units and fill out a claim for refund form in order to receive refund of Iowa fees paid.

Let’s chat

The office of vehicle & motor carrier services has added **LIVE CHAT** as a communication tool with our office.

Got a question about motor carrier services?

Get the answer by chatting online with one of our customer service representatives.

To access the online chat, visit our website at www.iowadot.gov/mvd/motorcarriers or www.iowadot.gov/mvd/motorcarriers/osowpermits

Unified Registration System (URS) – Suspended indefinitely - Continue to check our website for updated information.

All NEW CARRIERS need a Portal account with FMCSA to access URS. For training and information go to: <https://portal.fmcsa.dot.gov/training/Company>

- A new MCSA-1 form has replaced the current MCS-150 form for **new applicants.**
- **Any paper applications received will be sent back to the applicant.**
- Existing entities will continue to use the current process.
- USDOT numbers for **INTRASTATE** carriers will remain at no-charge.

Form 2290 Filing information: [IRS Trucking Tax Center](#)

Unified Carrier Registration (UCR)

****ATTENTION: 2018 REGISTRATION WILL BE AVAILABLE NOVEMBER 1, 2017****

Each year, interstate carriers, leasing companies, brokers, and freight forwarders who cross state lines while operating a self-propelled or towed vehicle on highways in commerce that meets one of the conditions listed below are required to obtain UCR.

- It has a gross vehicle weight rating or gross vehicle weight of at least 10,001 pounds, whichever is greater.
- It is designed to transport more than 10 passengers, including the driver.
- It is transporting USDOT-regulated hazardous material that requires placarding.

Filing for UCR

In as little as 10 minutes, carriers can renew and pay for their UCR from any computer or smartphone with internet access at www.ucr.in.gov. before you start, be sure you:

- Know the USDOT number.
- Have a credit card or checkbook available.
- Be aware that the computer session will timeout if there is significant idle time. if that happens, close the internet window and begin the process again.

If a carrier is no longer in operation or never crosses state lines and wishes to avoid further UCR renewal notices, the carrier must inactivate/deactivate or update its USDOT number.

Note: Any power units registered under IRP are subject to UCR fees.

UCR Audits: UCR audits are conducted annually to verify compliance.

OS/OW PERMITS – IAPS

UPDATE: The legal length of a straight truck has been increased from 41’ to 45’.

**Vehicle & Motor Carrier Services
Contact Information**

- **Mailing address:**
P.O. Box 10382, Des Moines, Iowa 50306-0382
- **Physical address:**
6310 SE Convenience Blvd., Ankeny, Iowa 50021 (exit 89 on Interstate 35)
- **Counter hours:** 8 a.m. – 4:30 p.m.
New registrant and reinstatement customers must arrive by 2 p.m. with completed paperwork for same day service. **However, we recommend submitting all paperwork by fax or email for review prior to coming into the counter.**
- **Email:** omcs@iowadot.us
- **Website:** www.iowadot.gov/iftairp
- Commercial vehicle titles 515-237-3268
515-237-3225 Fax
- Motor carrier audits 515-239-1030
515-239-1874 Fax

For questions regarding OS/OW, Fuel & Trip Permits, IFTA, IRP, UCR, and Travel Authority, visit our website at www.iowadot.gov. If your questions are not answered you may chat with us on live chat at www.iowadot.gov/mvd/motorcarriers or www.iowadot.gov/mvd/motorcarriers/osowpermits, email us at omcs@iowadot.us or call us at one of the numbers below.

- Fuel and trip permits, and 515-237-3268
Oversize/Overweight permits 515-237-3257 Fax
- IFTA fuel tax, IRP registration, 515-237-3268
UCR, TNC’S, and Travel Authority 515-237-3225 Fax

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RECORD RETENTION REQUIREMENTS

IFTA RECORD RETENTION REQUIRMENTS:

Distance and fuel documents **MUST** be kept for four years from the tax return due date or filing date, whichever is later

IRP RECORD RETENTION REQUIRMENTS:

Distance documents **MUST** be kept for the distance reporting period of July 1 through June 30 that corresponds to the current registration year, plus the three previous registration years.

USDOT biennial updates and filing schedule

All persons with an active USDOT number are required to file a biennial update according to the schedule below, by the last day of the month. The FMCSA will issue a warning letter at least 30 days in advance of a biennial update deadline. Failure to complete biennial updates will subject entities to civil penalties of up to \$1,000 per day with a maximum penalty of \$10,000. FMCSA may also deactivate the USDOT number for anyone that fails to comply with updating requirements.

It is recommended that a biennial update is done as soon as the FMCSA letter is received, and prior to renewing your IRP. **If a biennial update is not completed timely all transactions will come to a stop.**

USDOT Biennial Update Filing Schedule

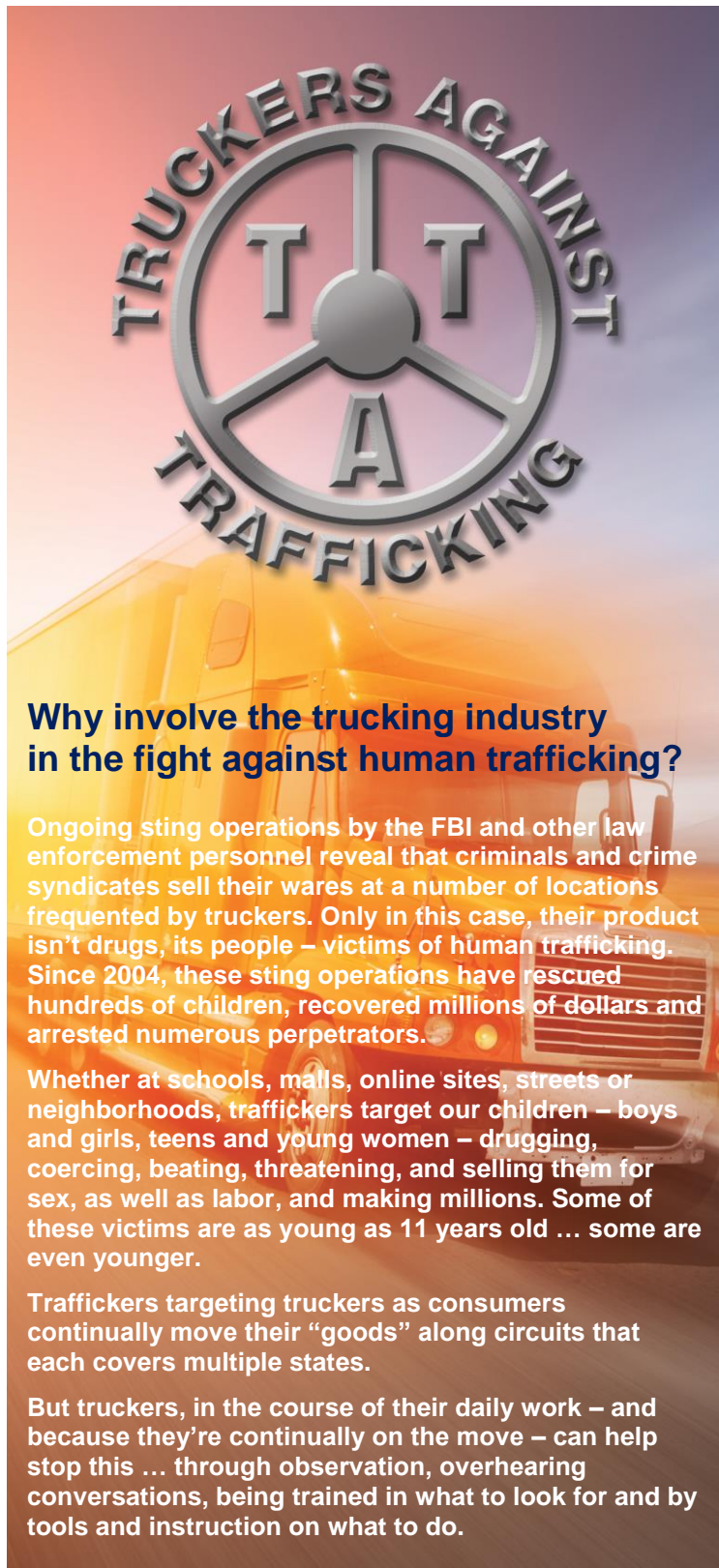
If your USDOT number ends in:	You must file by the last day of:
1	January
2	February
3	March
4	April
5	May
6	June
7	July
8	August
9	September
0	October

If the next-to-last digit of your USDOT number is odd, file your update every odd-numbered calendar year.

If the next-to-last digit of your USDOT number is even, file your update every even-numbered calendar year.

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Why involve the trucking industry in the fight against human trafficking?

Ongoing sting operations by the FBI and other law enforcement personnel reveal that criminals and crime syndicates sell their wares at a number of locations frequented by truckers. Only in this case, their product isn't drugs, its people – victims of human trafficking. Since 2004, these sting operations have rescued hundreds of children, recovered millions of dollars and arrested numerous perpetrators.

Whether at schools, malls, online sites, streets or neighborhoods, traffickers target our children – boys and girls, teens and young women – drugging, coercing, beating, threatening, and selling them for sex, as well as labor, and making millions. Some of these victims are as young as 11 years old ... some are even younger.

Traffickers targeting truckers as consumers continually move their “goods” along circuits that each covers multiple states.

But truckers, in the course of their daily work – and because they're continually on the move – can help stop this ... through observation, overhearing conversations, being trained in what to look for and by tools and instruction on what to do.

Truckers Against Trafficking (TAT) ® began in March 2009 as an initiative of Chapter 61 Ministries to educate, equip, empower and mobilize members of the trucking industry on the critical role they can play in fighting one of the most lucrative and destructive crimes in the United States and globally.

Today, TAT is a 501c3 organization with three main goals to accomplish our mission:

- Have our TAT materials made a regular part of training/ orientation for members of the trucking industry, so when they suspect human trafficking, they'll call the National Human Trafficking Resource Center (NHTRC) at 1-888-373-7888 and report what they know.
- Partner with law enforcement to facilitate the investigation of human trafficking.
- Marshal the resources of the trucking industry to combat this crime.

We provide a website, www.truckersagainsttrafficking.org; a trucking-industry-specific training DVD; webinars; human trafficking presentations; wallet cards truckers can carry with information to help them recognize trafficking and call the NHTRC number when it is suspected; posters and other materials the trucking industry can use for publicity and promotion; and the Freedom Drivers Project — a 48' mobile exhibit designed to educate audiences about the realities of domestic sex trafficking and how the trucking industry is combating it.

TAT also works to build coalitions between members of law enforcement, anti-trafficking organizations and key industry stakeholders, including general managers of truck stops and travel plazas, large carriers and state trucking associations, to further the apprehension of traffickers and the recovery of victims. We interact with appropriate state and national agencies to have our materials used in all venues involving trucking and strategize with state and local law enforcement and government on additional ways the trucking industry can provide invaluable help. We continually strive to help the trucking industry develop its unique contribution and leadership in the fight against human trafficking.

UPDATE: Iowa Motor Vehicle Enforcement (MVE) continues to provide training and outreach to the motor carrier industry/public on the dangers of human trafficking. This is especially crucial considering the recent horrific heat related deaths of nine immigrants in an Iowa related commercial vehicle discovered in Brownsville, Texas.

MVE is happy to help accomplish the task of training the public and staffs of other agencies, MVE is working with Illinois, Kansas, Missouri, Minnesota, South Dakota and Wisconsin Highway patrol to deliver this important message in their states. Currently, many states use the IADOT model in whole or in part.

MVE and TAT have worked together this summer at the Iowa 80 World's largest Truck Stop. MVE staffed an informational booth with the freedom trailer, which was delivered by an Iowa Motor Carrier! MVE also helped TAT get a spot in the Iowa State Fair and worked all day educating the public, (1,624 individuals). Below are some pictures taken at a few of our events.

Following is a link to the Freedom Driver Project for your review.

<http://www.truckersagainsttrafficking.org/freedom-drivers-project-homepage/>

For more information on Truckers Against Trafficking,
or to find out how you can help, contact

tat.truckers@gmail.com or **visit our website**
www.truckersagainsttrafficking.org.

Make the Call, Save Lives.
1-888-3737-888

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Modern-Day Slavery

Jail Pants

Arrested on prostitution charges and sentenced to two years in an Ohio prison, Kinky learned that a buyer had impregnated her during the time she had been trafficked for sex by her pimp. Shocked to a hospital bed for a C-section on January 30, 2014, Kinky delivered her daughter and then was forced to raise her three kids alone. These are the jail pants she wore while pregnant and incarcerated.

Dress, Shoes and Piker Chips

While in prison, Kinky was forced to wear a dress, shoes, and piker chips. She was also forced to wear a hat and a mask. She was also forced to wear a mask and a hat. She was also forced to wear a mask and a hat.

HUMAN TRAFFICKING HAPPENS IN IOWA.



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